GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES
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DUES OF EMPLOYEES IN BSCL
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Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether huge employee-related liabilities approximately Rs.150/- crore is being suppressed to deprive the employees of Burn Standard Company Limited from getting their legitimate dues instead of having the order passed by the Hon`ble Court, Kolkata in January 21,2003;

(b) whether the valuation of Assets of BSCL are yet to be conducted and no transparency is being maintained as per the directives of BIFR;

(c) whether irrational downsizing of manpower is taking place in BSCL causing serious threat to the revival of the Company;

(d) whether the funds released on account of V.R. to BSCL as `interest-bearing loan` instead of `Grant-in-aid` and during 2002-2003, Rs.45.00 crore has been earmarked towards the interest payment for Government loans and interest has rendered the Company to reel under huge interest burden;

(e) if so, the details in this regard; and

(f) the action contemplated by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI SUBODH MOHITE)

(a) All admissible employees related liabilities have been reflected in the accounts of the Company.

(b) Valuation of the assets of BSCL has been started by Assets Valuer as a part of Disinvestment process.

(c) No Sir.

(d) to (f) The Interest on Government loan as on 31.03.2003 is Rs.58.02 crore (provisional) of which an amount of Rs.29.62 crore (provisional) is on account of interest on VRS loan.The Government have decided to restructure their loan and interest as on 30.09.2002 subject to location of joint venture partner.